



Hurricane Ian – Public Hearing

Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)
Rebuild Florida

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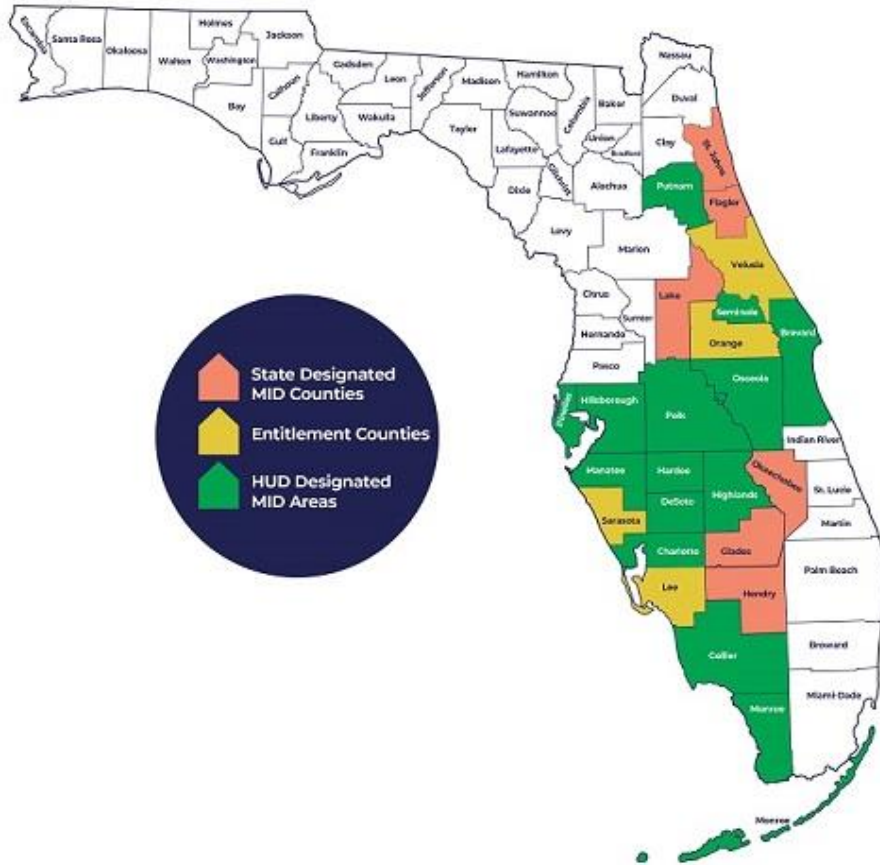


Hurricane Ian Overview

- Hurricane Ian made landfall on September 28, 2022, as a Category 5 and one of the costliest weather disasters on record.
- Hurricane Ian was the strongest hurricane to impact Southwest Florida since Hurricane Charley in 2004.
- In the weeks and months that followed, Governor DeSantis and the Division of Emergency Management initiated an all hands-on-deck effort to help with search and rescue and long-term recovery efforts.
- FloridaCommerce deployed over 100 team members from Tallahassee with mobile units and stationed for over a month at FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers.
- Hurricane Ian impacted several of the same counties impacted by Hurricane Irma in 2017, a Category 4 storm.



Hurricane Ian Outreach Overview



- FloridaCommerce Hurricane Ian Outreach.
- Twenty-Four County Visits and Listening Sessions.
- Fourteen Community and Stakeholder Workshops.



Our Mission

- FloridaCommerce is the governor-designated state authority responsible for administering all United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds awarded to the state (excluding funds directly allocated to individual counties).
- The Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR) utilizes these funds to support long-term resiliency for housing, infrastructure, and economic development in Florida communities impacted by disasters.
- Launched in September 2018, Rebuild Florida is a FloridaCommerce program within OLTR that was created to allocate federal funds to help Florida's communities with long-term resiliency efforts from the devastating impacts of recent storms.
- CDBG-DR funds are intended to be the last resort for addressing unmet needs after any/all United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and insurance funding is exhausted. The most vulnerable populations are prioritized for award allocations.

Rebuild Florida Program Highlights

- Over \$111 million awarded for Hurricane Hermine/Matthew-impacted communities, which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement and Affordable Rental Housing Programs.
- Over \$760 million awarded for Hurricane Irma-impacted communities which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Affordable Housing New Construction, Workforce Recovery Training and Infrastructure Programs.
- Over \$690 million awarded for Hurricane Michael-impacted communities which encompasses our Housing Repair and Replacement, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Recovery Training, Hometown Revitalization, Hazard Mitigation Grant Match and Infrastructure Programs.
- \$187 million awarded for Hurricane Sally-impacted communities that will encompass our Housing Repair and Replacement, Hometown Revitalization, Voluntary Home Buyout, Workforce Affordable Housing Construction, Workforce Recovery Training and Mitigation Programs.
- Over \$580 million awarded for Mitigation projects statewide.



Rebuild Florida Program Highlights

Hurricane Michael Program Overview:

- In October 2020, more than \$735 million in funding became available for FloridaCommerce to implement long-term disaster recovery and resiliency efforts in communities impacted by Hurricane Michael, allocating more than \$251 million to the Rebuild Florida Hurricane Michael Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP).
- FloridaCommerce, formerly the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, launched the application cycle for the Hurricane Michael HRRP in January 2021, and construction began in July 2021.
- Of the 977 households served, over 75 percent were extremely low-income residents, over 65 percent were female head-of-household, over 60 percent included individuals with unique abilities, 50 percent were minority homeowners/residents, and over 80 percent had dependent household members.



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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Successful Conclusion of Hurricane Michael Housing Construction Program, Reconstructing 977 Homes in 20 Months

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the successful conclusion of the Hurricane Michael Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP), completing 977 housing projects and returning Hurricane Michael-impacted families to decent, safe, and sanitary homes 20 months after housing construction was initiated in July 2021, three years ahead of schedule. To date, Florida has provided over \$3 billion for Hurricane Michael recovery efforts in the Panhandle.

"Less than two years since construction began, we have made meaningful progress for Panhandle residents affected by Hurricane Michael," **said Governor Ron DeSantis.** "More than 977 residents are home after experiencing devastation from Hurricane Michael, demonstrating Florida's commitment to recovering efficiently, compassionately, and strategically following a disaster."

"The completion of the 977 homes represents 977 families' return to the security and peace of mind that a home provides, and this is a massive step forward to elevating Michael-impacted communities," **said Florida Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly.** "As Florida braces for another hurricane season, it is important to remember that with every passing day, Florida's long-term recovery efforts improve, benefitting our families, our businesses, and, most importantly, our safety."



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State Action Plan

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Hurricane Ian Funding Timeline

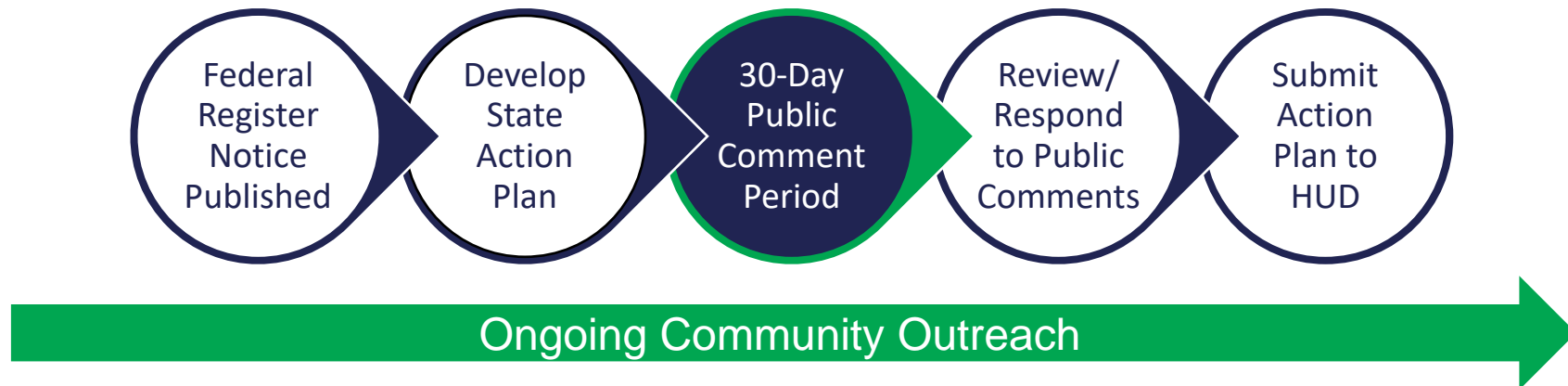
- **September 28, 2022:** Hurricane Ian made landfall.
- **March 15, 2023:** Funds announced by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):
 - State of Florida allocated **\$910,624,000** to serve remaining 20 Ian-impacted counties.
 - Direct allocations to Lee, Orange, Sarasota, and Volusia Counties.
- **May 18, 2023:** HUD published the Federal Register Notice ([Federal Register/ Vol. 88, No. 96](#)),
- **May – June 2023:** FloridaCommerce holds site visits with all 24 Hurricane Ian-impacted counties.
- **June – July 2023:** FloridaCommerce holds fourteen Community Workshop Meetings.
- **July 12, 2023:** Hurricane Ian State Action Plan posted for public comment at [FloridaJobs.org/Hurricane-Ian](https://www.floridajobs.org/hurricane-ian).
- **July 13, 2023:** Thirty-day Public Comment Period begins for Hurricane Ian State Action Plan.
- **August 3, 2023:** Public Hearing in Seminole County.
- **August 4, 2023:** Public Hearing in Hillsborough County.
- **August 12, 2023:** Thirty-day Public Comment Period concludes for Hurricane Ian State Action Plan.
- **September 20, 2023:** Deadline for Ian State Action Plan to be submitted to HUD; state plans to submit well in advance of deadline.

** HUD has 60 days to review proposed plan, and then the process of securing a final grant agreement begins.*

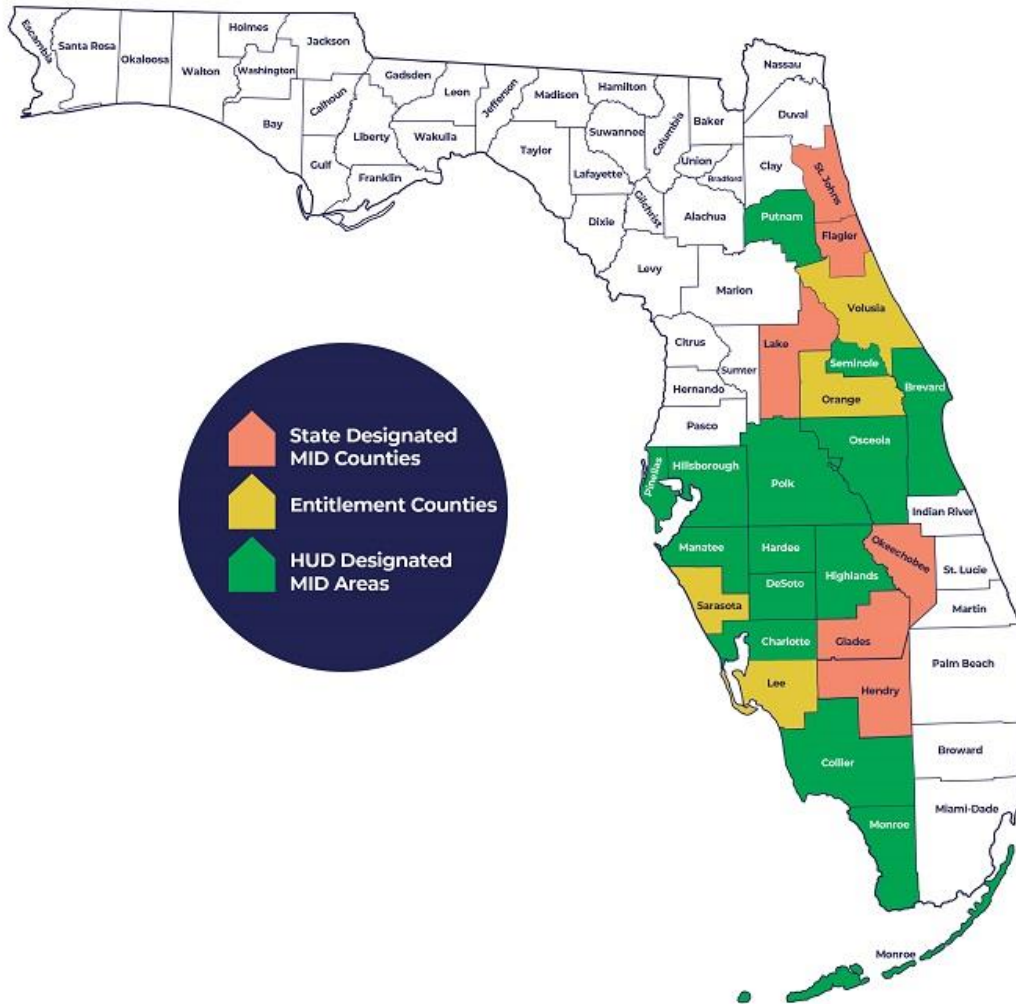


Florida's State Action Plan for Ian Disaster Recovery

- The State Action Plan provides a high-level strategy for how the funding will be used to address unmet recovery and resiliency needs following disasters.
- FloridaCommerce is leading the state's efforts to create the Action Plan, which is developed with input from community members, community leaders, and community-based organizations.
- The deadline to submit public comments is August 12, 2023, by 5p.m., Eastern Time.
 - Action Plan Due: September 20, 2023
 - 30-Day public comment period prior to submission
 - 60-Day HUD review period after submission



Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas



HUD-Designated MID Areas:

- Brevard
- Charlotte
- Collier
- DeSoto
- Hardee
- Highlands
- Hillsborough
- Manatee
- Monroe
- Osceola
- Pinellas
- Polk
- Putnam
- Seminole

State-Designated MID Areas

- Flagler
- Glades
- Hendry
- Lake
- Okeechobee
- St. Johns



Hurricane Ian Unmet Needs Assessment

“The development of our draft State Action Plan has been intensely informed by a series of 38 valuable public, citizen and stakeholder meetings which were held to hear directly from residents and businesses impacted by Hurricane Ian,” **said Secretary of Commerce J. Alex Kelly.** “In these listening sessions, which were held in all impacted counties, FloridaCommerce gained valuable insights into communities’ long-term recovery needs following the storm.”

- Prioritizing the State of Florida’s most vulnerable populations in the Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) areas impacted by Hurricane Ian is the central focus of the State of Florida’s Action Plan for Disaster Recovery.
- As detailed in the unmet needs assessment, roughly 75 percent of the remaining Hurricane Ian unmet needs are in the housing sector (\$1.8B), 14 percent in infrastructure (\$356M), and 10 percent in the economy (\$255M). These figures include only the 20 MID counties identified in this Action Plan.
- Based on these figures, it is clear that the current funding is insufficient to meet the total unmet needs for the state and that funds must be prioritized toward implementation of housing programs.
- However, should HUD make additional funding available in the future, FloridaCommerce may incorporate additional programs should unmet needs remain.



What is an Unmet Needs Assessment?

The unmet needs assessment identifies impacts and unmet needs in three sectors: Housing, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization to help guide recovery program development aimed at supporting successful recovery in the MID areas.

Unmet Need and Proposed Allocation

| Category | Remaining Unmet Need | Percent of Unmet Need | Program Allocation Amount | Percent of Program Allocation |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Administration | \$0 | N/A | \$45,531,200 | 5% |
| Planning | \$0 | N/A | \$20,000,000 | 2.2% |
| Housing | \$1,886,005,587 | 75.48% | \$795,092,800 | 87.3% |
| Infrastructure | \$356,895,566 | 14.28% | \$50,000,000 | 5.5% |
| Economic Revitalization | \$255,882,538 | 10.24% | \$0 | 0% |
| Public Services | \$0 | -% | \$0 | 0% |
| Mitigation* | \$0 | -% | \$0 | 0% |
| Total | \$2,498,783,691 | 100% | \$910,624,000 | 100% |



Proposed Hurricane Ian Programs

- Triaging limited federal funds allocated across 20 counties toward the most urgent need—housing—is paramount and a moral obligation.
- The proposed allocation of \$795,092,800 to address housing unmet needs would be distributed to three housing programs:
 - **Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) (\$575,092,800)**
 - **Multiple Impact Program (MIP) (\$120,000,000)**
 - **Workforce Affordable Housing Construction Program (WFAH) (\$100,000,000)**
- Additionally, the proposed allocation of \$50,000,000 to address unmet infrastructure needs would be distributed through one program: the **Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP)**. The HMGMP will be focused on awards to fiscally constrained communities (as defined in Florida Statute 218.67(1)) and rural units of general local government (UGLGs).



Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) - \$575,092,800

- The largest program in the action plan, this program will assist and prioritize the most vulnerable homeowners and property owners impacted by Hurricane Ian through the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of their Ian-damaged homes, including mobile homes.
- This program most directly benefits individuals in the MID areas of the state by repairing, reconstructing, or replacing Hurricane Ian damaged single-family owner-occupied homes, and rental properties.
- Applicants to this program will be prioritized based on vulnerability (income, disability, and age) and presence in a MID area.
- Citizens are encouraged to take part in our Rebuild Florida Hurricane Ian Housing Repair and Replacement Program Assessment.



Housing Repair and Replacement Program (HRRP) - \$575,092,800

- Recognizing that the \$575,092,800 will likely not address all needs, at-risk and vulnerable populations with the greatest needs will be prioritized. At a minimum, 70 percent of program funds must meet the LMI National Objective.
- FloridaCommerce will prioritize very low- and low-income households with the greatest prioritization for households with incomes less than 50 percent of Annual Median Income (AMI).
- Households with one or more of the following characteristics will be prioritized and invited to apply in the earliest applicable phase:
 - Households with members over the age of 62.
 - Households with children under the age of 18.
 - Households with special needs or special accommodation requirements (disabled).

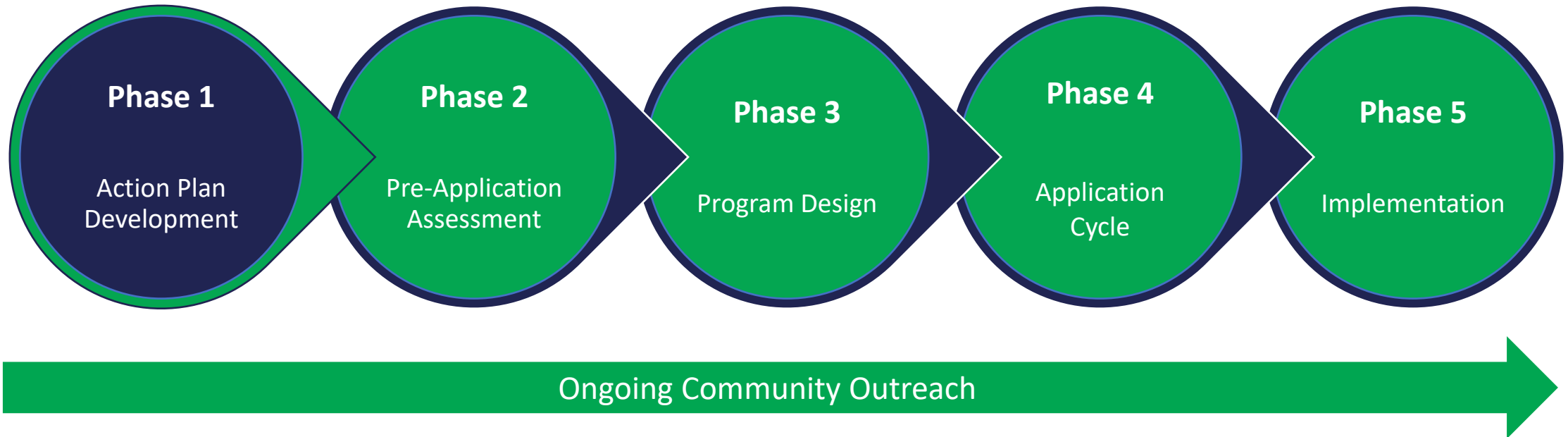


Multiple Impact Program (MIP) – \$120,000,000

- Several counties impacted by Hurricane Ian in 2022, also suffered impacts from Hurricane Irma in 2017, leading to a significant number of homeowners in these areas suffering setbacks in their recovery process.
- The MIP will prioritize these vulnerable homeowners who have suffered damage from Hurricane Irma, are present in the Hurricane Ian MID areas, and have yet to be served under the Hurricane Irma HRRP.
- Steps for these homeowners may include previous assistance evaluation, initiating a grant agreement, and contractor assignment.
- This program would be administered through essentially the same process and activities as the Hurricane Irma HRRP, except for where Federal Register requirements differ.



Housing Program Cycle



Workforce Affordable Housing Construction Program (WFAH) - \$100,000,000

- These funds will be awarded to Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) to manage the construction of new affordable rental housing for tenants in areas impacted by Hurricane Ian.
- The term “workforce,” as used under this program refers to low to moderate income (LMI) individuals.
- Additionally, FHFC may repair damaged multi-family properties through the WFAH.

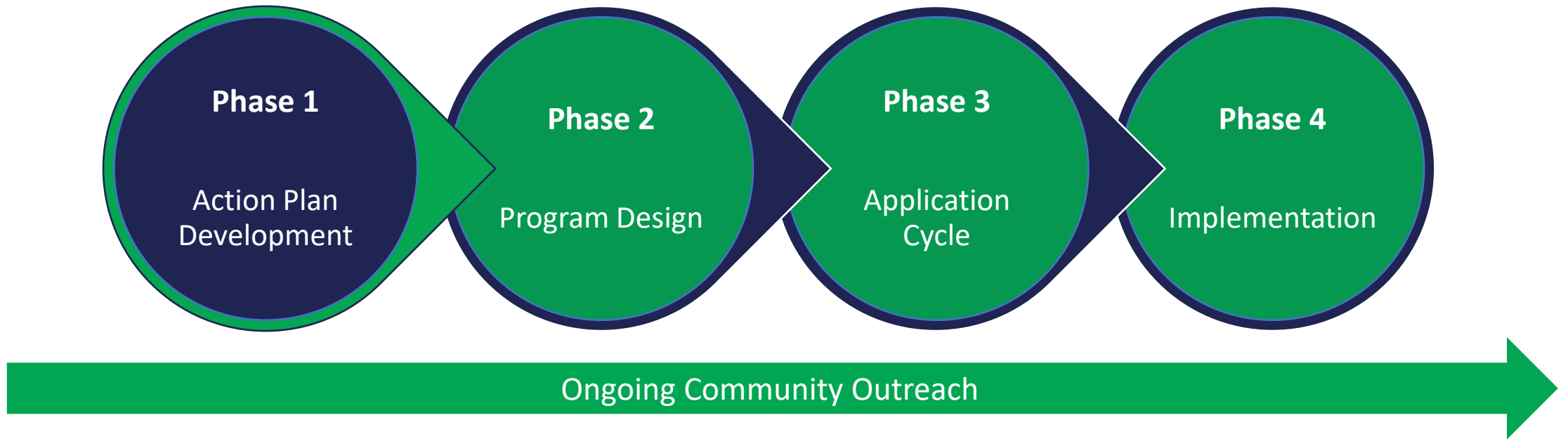


Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program (HMGMP) - \$50,000,000

- This program prioritizes fiscally constrained (as defined in Florida Statute 218.67(1)) and rural units of general local government (UGLGs) to fund the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) required 25 percent local match. These counties include Putnam, Hardee, DeSoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, and Hendry.
- In conjunction with FEMA HMGP funds, these funds will allow the awarded UGLGs to execute necessary and significant infrastructure projects that they may not otherwise have the monetary means to complete (i.e. buyouts, structural elevation, localized flood risk reduction, infrastructure retrofitting, and post-disaster code enforcement). Projects must meet both FEMA and HUD requirements to be eligible for HMGMP funding.
- If in the future additional CDBG-DR funds for Hurricane Ian recovery are allocated by HUD to Florida, FloridaCommerce may consider implementing additional infrastructure programs.



Hazard Mitigation Grant Match Program Cycle



Public Comments

Public comments can be submitted in-person today, emailed to Hurricanelan@RebuildFlorida.gov or sent by postal mail to:

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